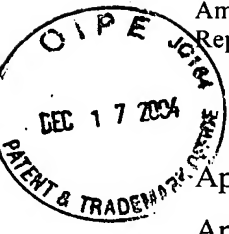


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REPLY

Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed herein on November 17, 2004, constituting a requirement for restriction in the above-entitled application, the Applicants hereby elect Group I claims 1-50 for further prosecution in this application.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely, but contingently request that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as is necessary to make this Reply timely, if in fact such an extension is required. In that contingency the Office is hereby authorized to charge any necessary extension fee or surcharge to the deposit account of Corning Incorporated, Deposit Account 03-3325.

Respectfully submitted,

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